

FRIENDS OF THE TURLOCK PUBLIC LIBRARY

MINUTES from AUGUST 5, 2015 meeting

In attendance - Board Members: Carmen Ingols, Pat Portwood, Pat Hickman, Mike Seifert, Chris Hughes, Hal Owen, Brooks Kudd, Linda Davenport, & Jackie Oyer.

Guest: Jayne Smith, Joan Ahlstrand, & Gitty Miller. Librarian: Diane Bartlett

CALL TO ORDER; Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

MINUTES: The minutes were read, corrected, then unanimously approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jackie reviewed the study our FOL paid CSUS Center for Public Policy Studies to conduct regarding Turlock's needs and desires for the public library. She previously had sent the study via email to all board members. The 2008 study entitled "Community Inquiry: Turlock Public Library" primary authors: Kelvin Jasek-Rysdahl and Jane Younglove. Consensus was we need a new library. Currently the county is again to write their 5 year plan. Next meeting we will discuss what we think our role, regarding the county library system, should be in developing the new 5 year plan.

TREASURER REPORT: The treasurer's report was handed to each board member in attendance. Income for July \$526.65 (this from memberships and Friends Bookstore. Expenses for the month \$455.27 (spent for library's children's programs and materials. Current bank balance – \$33,055.70; CD \$7,313.02.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: 23 renewals were received in July (10 individual and 13 family). At end of July we had 101 individual, 39 family, and 41 lifetime members. The committee to review our membership application met and recommend we add a new category – Business/Club. For voting proposes, each club or business would have just one vote. Hal/Pat P. motion was made and accepted unanimously. Hal will ask Phyllis (newsletter editor) to add clip art to the form so it has more appeal. The new membership form will be given to newsletter editor, Phyllis, to incorporate in the next newsletter issue. There was a discussion of how long the membership chair should keep his/her records. Decided records should be kept for 5 years, then destroyed.

Longer discussion now that we have an easily understandable format for keeping track of current members we should maintain our records following these guidelines. Directions for this record keeping system will be written up and distributed for the next membership chair.

STANISLAUS LIBRARY FOUNDATION: Pat P. reported that at 5:30 on

8/14/15 the Foundation will be honoring various people, business, and groups who have supported the County Library. System.

Also, the Foundation is having a fund raiser on September 26th. The event will have local author, Paula Treick-DeBoard as its Author's Garden Gala speaker. Tickets are \$125.00 each. See Pat P. if you are interested in attending.

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NEWSLETTER REPORT: none

TURLOCK LIBRARIAN REPORT: Latest excitement, a gas leak at Main St. & Canal was reported so the surrounding four blocks was under a 2 hour 'lock down' while the leak was repaired. Apparently the leak was not too bad – many customers came and went during the 2 hour period.

Story time returns in September.

Children's Department will be having some performers for us in the near future. The plan is to spend FOTPL'S budgeted money to pay for the necessary extra performances.

Lorena has found a new position and tomorrow will be her last day. Interviews will be held to replace here soon.

The library needs help to staff an information booth at the Spirit of 45 Celebration on Aug. 15. A sheet was passed around for sign up.

Does our Friends group want to replace the New York Times weekend edition to replace USA Today? Answer – no.

Following the meeting, two board members will draw names from a box to determine the winners in the adult and teen reading programs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FUND RAISING – since our January book sale will be short of books this year (lack of storage space for 5 months) the committee suggested several ideas to raise funds: raffle at the book sale for a reader; approach business for specific donations for specific needs for the library; a tea; garden tours; garage sale; sell tickets for a dinner at a restaurant – Tresettis in Modesto we would receive 10% of the profits for a 2 hour period; Las Casuelas restaurant in Turlock, but we have to guarantee to sell 200 ticket; fun run to promote the library and FOL These ideas

and others will be discussed at the next meeting.

BOOK SALE – we can again use the Methodist Church for the book sale, they will let us use it Tuesday – Saturday. Which gives us an extra day to sort books before the sale.

FARMERS MARKET – organized who was working which shift for this Friday's market day.

FRIENDS' BOOK STORE – License Agreement contract with the County Board of Supervisors was discussed for information purposes. Pat H. will email to the board members a sample routine agreement we signed in 2008 for the book store within the library.

Meeting adjourned (on motion by Gitty/Brooks)
at 7:46 pm. Next meeting September 2 @ 6:30.

Respectfully submitted by acting secretary,
Pat Hickman